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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Science and Technology

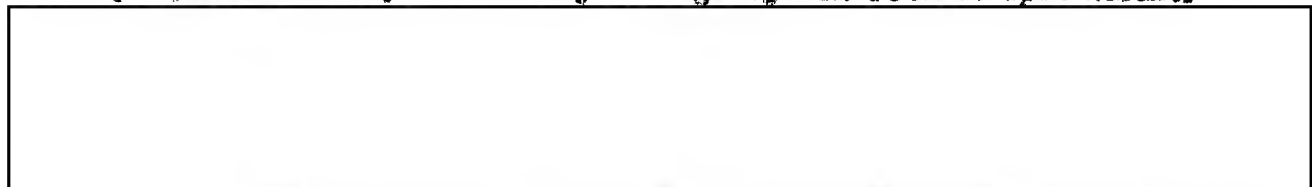
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1. The Office of Special Projects was established to direct the Agency's efforts in Satellite Reconnaissance. The original efforts in this direction were initiated under OSI but the primary emphasis in that Office was of necessity and by skills aircraft oriented. In fact, two years ago the only COSONA activity pursued by the CIA was accomplished by one head-quarters personnel part time. The rest of the effort was devoted to the USAF.

2. The then DD/S&T chose to reassert the Agency's interest in the satellite field and currently the COSONA (Payload) program is completely controlled and managed by Agency personnel and two major modifications both proposed and implemented by the Agency will soon be operational.



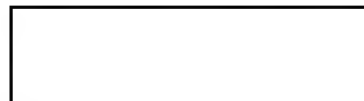
The acquisition of these much needed programs represented over two and a half years of conflict during which time the Agency again and again made its position unmistakably clear that it had the ability, the desire, and the intent to carry them, and such extensions as techniques/technology developed, into operational status. To that end, the Office of Special Projects indicated its need for many of a highly technical nature, and has proceeded, with much encouragement, to men that T. O. Mindful of the fact that both programs and support would and should be critically evaluated, the request was minimal and the continued need for that number is again indicated.

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5. The Staff A/ED/3&T proposed that if OSF and OSA were combined some savings in personnel could be made. Indeed, a paper count indicates a reduction of [] as specified in the following tabulation.

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However, a serious question arises as to whether these savings are real in the sense that elimination as proposed could be accomplished, lie at the very least a deputy director for satellite systems and a deputy director for aircraft systems would be needed. There are additionally sharp differences in the two offices as to the way to do business. OSF has recruited a large technical staff and initiates and directs its industrial counterparts much more rigorously than does OSA. OSF has little operational responsibility and has no plans for acquiring such assets--it hires no military personnel. OSA is quite the opposite. While OSA has concentrated on aircraft development and deployment with relatively minor effort on sensor development, OSF's charter precludes it from developing spacecraft or ships, and directs their technical expertise on sensor development. If all CIA assets associated with the NSC were put under one management and that subordinated to the Director of Reconnaissance, CIA, it would probably save some slots, create more manageable structures, and solve some peculiar problems but it is the understanding of this Office that such major organizational changes are not contemplated at this time.

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